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ANNUAL MEETING: After our Annual Meeting in July the new Officers will be listed in Timber Talk. Watch for a report on the CNA Convention in the next issue.

MAIL AUCTION: Al should have these available soon.

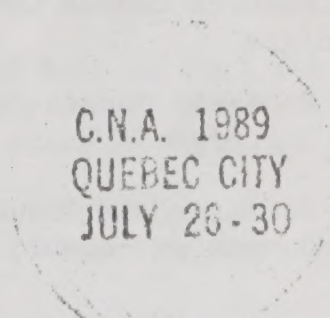
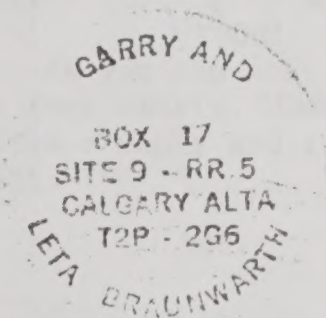
THANKS: Thanks to those that have sent in articles for Timber Talk and to those that have indicated that they will be sending in articles. These make the newsletter more enjoyable for all members.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST: Once our records have been updated after the CNA we will publish a list of members and their addresses. You may wish to refer to this when you see a wood pictured and can see that one of the members have issued it.

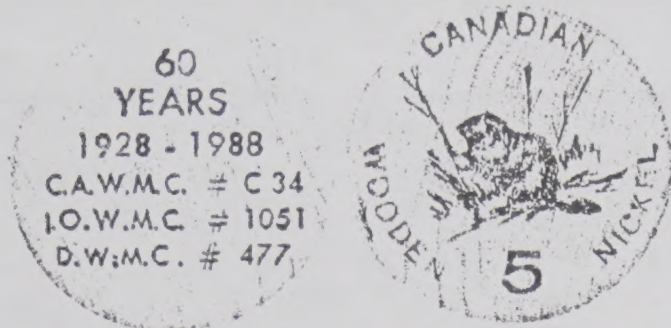
CHRISTMAS WOOD: Have you thought of ordering your Christmas wood yet. Don't wait until it is too late.

CAWMC ITEMS: As I am also a fund raiser, I am considering the possibility of having one or more items made with the CAMWC logo and/or printing on them. Any project will not result in a cost to CAWMC, but they will make any profits. What do you, the members, want to see - if anything? At this time I won't even suggest anything because I want you to use your imagination. Please drop me a line at the above address. Thanks.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH: My wife and I issued 500 of the following wood, printed in blue, for the CNA Convention. One is enclosed with this issue of Timber Talk.



WOOD: Below are pictured two wood that are in the 'pile' of wood that I accumulate to show in Timber Talk. The one on the left is printed in blue, the right in black.



ARTICLES BY DON ROBB: Don has sent in a couple of articles for Timber Talk. The first one starts below:

SUBJECT: Prince George S.D. (July 11, 1989)

PRINCE GEORGE SPRUCE DOLLARS
CANADA CENTENNIAL YEAR (1967) ISSUES

My objective with this article is to correct what I believe to be some inaccuracies that exist in the present listings of the Spruce Dollar Canada Centennial Year (1967) issues.

Numbers and descriptions used are based on Norm Wells' 1984 Catalogue. Please understand that my purpose here is to seek accuracy and not at all to be critical of the excellent work of the late Norm Wells.

In Norm's Catalogue there are 4 Spruce Dollar listings to which I want to direct your attention. The REVERSE design and colour (green) is the same for all 4 listings. The OBVERSE design is basically the same for all as well although there may be some minute variations in print size, symbol locations, etc. (See accompanying photostats of Nos. 38 & 38a).

Here are the 4 listings as described in Norm's Catalogue:

- #34 - "1966 Chamber of Commerce Centennial Issue"
"80 mm gre gol/gre 250"
- #38 - "1967 Chamber of Commerce Canada Centennial"
"80 mm red/gre 1000"
- #38a - "1967 Chamber of Commerce Canada Centennial"
"80 mm red gre/gre"
- #45 - "1967 Chamber of Commerce 2nd Issue"
(no information on size or colour) "150"



Now let me review these one at a time:

- #34 - I have never seen one of this description.
 - Some collectors seem to confuse #34 with #38a.
 - With the "gre gol/gre" description, is there a possible confusion with #32 which is "1966 Chamber of Commerce B.C. Centennial 80 mm gre gol/gre"?
 - Does this issue really exist?
- #38 - Have one fitting this description.
- #38a - Have one fitting this description.
 - OBVERSE: Centennial Symbol Red. All the rest Green.
 - REVERSE: Green.
- #45 - Need help with this "2nd issue".
 - One might assume that:
 - This issue could be exactly the same as #38, or,
 - There could be some difference in print or colours on the OBVERSE, or,
 - The OBVERSE might be green, the same as the REVERSE.
 - Need your input to clarify. Is there really a #45?

Referring back to a 1968 British Columbia Numismatic Association Booklet No. 3 "The Wooden Money and Tokens of Prince George, B.C." edited by Paul Siggers, I find only 2 Spruce Dollars listed that can help sort out this puzzle. They are described as follows:

- #33 - "Chamber of Commerce, Canada 1867-1967, Centennial issue.
(1st issue) 1,000 issued. 82 mm. Obverse Green with Centennial Symbol in Red. Reverse: Green"
 - This is the same as #38a in the Wells Catalogue.
- #34 - "Chamber of Commerce Canada 1867-1967 Centennial issue.
(2nd issue) 250 issued. 82 mm. Obverse: Red. Reverse: Green."
 - This is the same as #38 in the Wells Catalogue.

Conclusion:

Based on my experience of searching for and collecting Prince George Spruce Dollars over the past 14 years, I am inclined to believe that the Paul Siggers Booklet provides the more accurate listing.

As you can see, I need help to sort out the obvious confusion that exists. Please help out if you can. All letters will receive a reply and I will share my findings in a future Timber Talk.

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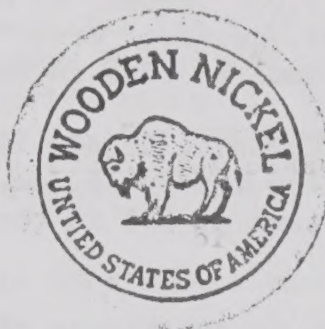




Thanks for the article Don.

WOOD FOR SALE: I received a nice letter from Les Copan, Box 65732 - Stn. 'F', Vancouver, B. C. V5N 5K7. Les is now retired and he and Ivy spent 4 - 5 months away each winter. Most of the time is spent in Mexico. No snow to shovel there! Les states that he recently met Jim Wing who issued a wood his shop a number of years ago. He was able to pick up a few and is offering them for sale. They are printed in black and a copy appears below.

#9800-37 WING'S COIN & STAMP SHOP, Vancouver, B. C. - 50¢ each plus 50¢ postage for one to four woods or \$1.00 postage for five - eight woods. Write Les at the address above.



WANTED: by B. J. Cambria, Box 24542 - Stn. 'C', Vancouver, B. C. V5T 4E1: Wanted to buy- 1967 C.C.C. in Roberts; Halifax Coin Club, Spryfield - Nelson Boltz; Prescott, Ontario; Prince George - Sigger's # 33, 34, 40, and 42.

ANOTHER WOOD FROM THE 'PILE':
It is printed in black.

